

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2020– 4:34 P.M.
Meeting was held by Zoom online meeting application**

Ottesen called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commission Members in attendance electronically were: Ed Ottesen, Nick Hedrick, Mathew Gilbert, Alice Rohret, and Susan Price.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Terry Stevens

Others present electronically: John Dornoff – Planning Staff; Ed Gallagher – Grout Liaison; and Pat Morrissey – City Council Liaison.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Price, seconded by Rohret to approve the agenda of the November 17, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Price, seconded by Rohret to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Oral Presentations

None

Hearings

- 1. Request for a Certificate of Economic Hardship to permit the demolition of a “A” structure at 616 West 6th Street.**

Dornoff read the staff report.

Applicant Junker said the building was damaged in fire and roof caved in.

It was moved by Price, second by Rohret to approve the Certificate of Economic Hardship. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Nomination for Iowa’s Most Endangered Building List**

Discussion among commissioners on which building. Rath building? Gilbert asks what the benefits of being listed is to which Ottesen answered it is primarily publicity.

It was moved by Price, seconded by Gilbert to nominate the Rath building to Iowa’s Most Endangered Building List. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Consultation

None

Reports

1. Main Street

Two reviews on design council. Basil looking to extend their outside seating. 224 West 6th street had sign approved. Signage for Masonic Temple had a lot of discussion because the committee did not feel it fit into the neighborhood and the request was denied. The Main Street board approved the new design guidelines. Morrissey stated that the Bicycle Collective has received funding to install bicycle racks in the city.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report

3. Grout Museum

Museum is still open, the Imaginariam and Snowden house are not open. Some exhibits will be changing. Hoping to get into normal operations but it is on a day to day situation.

4. Building Update

Anderson discussed the Rath building and the people that have been looking at the building. Also discussed the tax credit situation with the building.

No word from architecture firm yet on cost estimates for building.

Morrissey asked about a meeting at Dunsmore however because it is winter and there is not electricity it would be put off to spring.

5. Highland

No updates.

6. Walnut

Habitat is building several new homes in the area.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. Past Forward

Gilbert attended the conference and attended multiple sessions. National Trust is looking to be more of liaisons to the commission. Looking to fund feasibility studies. This year's theme was equity and race and how they can be at odds but now working together.

2. HPC Awards Banquet 2021

May 13th, 2021, preliminary flier next month.

3. School Art Project

No update

4. Main Street collaboration

Reviewing their guidelines. Gilbert suggested ways to get vacant spots filled.

5. Demolitions

Dornoff said that St. Mary's is about to come down.

6. Action Plan

On track for now.

Design Guidelines:

Dornoff sent out information on windows that was forwarded from Ottesen.

Other Discussion:

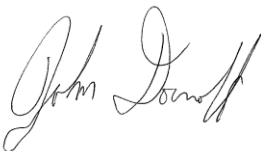
The January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th instead of the 19th due to the city council meeting being moved to the 19th for the Martin Luther King Jr. meeting.

It was moved by Rohret, second by Price cancel the December meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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